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**PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.183 INVOKING
EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES FOR WAIVER OF EXTENSION FEES, OR
IN THE ALTERNATIVE, PETITION FOR PAYMENT OF EXTENSION FEES**

Sir/Madame:

Applicants submit this Petition under 37 CFR 1.183 invoking extraordinary circumstances for waiver of extension fees, or in the alternative, as a Petition for payment of extension fees in the above-identified application. The facts surrounding this request are as follows:

1. A first office action was mailed on August 3, 2001 with a three-month response, without extensions, due prior to November 3, 2001 (cover sheet copy annexed as Exhibit 1).
2. The application has been assigned to Ilford Imaging UK Limited which is a corporation located in Great Britain and Ilford Imaging Switzerland GmbH which is a corporation located in Switzerland.
3. Due to the events of September 11th and afterwards a timely response to the action was unable to be filed prior to the November 3, 2001 deadline.

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4. My office is located in the Woolworth building which is two blocks away from what was the World Trade Center and was located within what was referred to as the "Red Zone." Although the building was structurally sound after the attacks there was no electricity or phone service. To date the phone service has not fully been restored.
5. In addition, due to the attacks and subsequent "anthrax" threats, the mail to my office was delayed and not being delivered on a timely basis.
6. I was not able to gain access to my office until mid-October and during this period had no access to my files or database and therefore could not conduct "business as usual".
7. Telephone service and having access to the internet are essential to my practice. Since September 11th we have been operating from temporary offices. Our mailing address remains the same but our temporary telephone and facsimile numbers are 845-398-3098; 845-398-3790.
8. These circumstances resulted in the delay in receiving instructions from the Assignees, whom are located outside of the country, which in turn hindered the timely response to the present action.
9. Due to these extra-ordinary circumstances, Applicants respectfully request that the extension fees for filing a response to the Office Action dated August 3, 2001 be waived, either in whole or in part.
10. Authorization is given to charge deposit account 50-1541 the fee of \$130 for this petition under 37 CFR 1.183, or to credit any refund thereto.
11. In the alternative, if this petition is denied, authorization is given to charge deposit account 50-1541 the three month extension fee of \$920, or any lesser

amount, or credit any refund thereto.

If you have any questions concerning the above please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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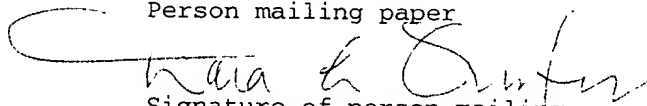
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